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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : In view of the fact that in the case of most of the aided school teachers, the termination of service would be only by resignation on account of the attitude of the management, will the Government kindly see that they revise rule 10 (*b*) so that any teacher, irrespective of the break of service, may get pension, if he had put in the required service?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is a different proposal, about which the hon. Member may put a separate question. Under the prevailing rules, if there had been break of service on account of resignation, they will not be entitled to pension.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : We have received a communication that the matter is under consideration.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, is it not a fact that teachers who retired after 1st April 1955 are denied pension because they completed their 55th year in the case of district board schools or 60th year in the case of the aided high schools before 1st April 1955?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That was not so, Sir. If they had retired after 1st April 1955, they might have been denied pension because there had been break of service on account of resignation. Now the hon. Member Sri Srinivasavaradan has given the information that the Government are considering this question also.

Highways and Irrigation Departments.

* 58 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to integrate the Highways and Irrigation Departments with the Public Works Department; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor and the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) It has been suggested that a good deal of duplicate touring by officers and also the number of officers employed for different types of work, e.g., roads, buildings, irrigation, etc., can be reduced by integration of the Highways Department with Public Works Department. The details in this regard are being worked out.

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : இது விஷயமாக எப்பொழுது முடிவு எடுக்கப்படும், எப்பொழுது அந்த முடிவு அமுலுக்கு வரும் என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : இப்பொழுது பரிசீலனை செய்து கொண்டிருக்கிறோம். எப்பொழுது இது அமுலுக்கு வரும் என்று இப்பொழுது சொல்ல முடியாது.

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SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : நீர்ப்பாசன இலாகா தனியாக இருக்குமா அல்லது அதுவும் சேர்ந்து இணைக்கப்படுமா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : இரிகேஷன் டிபார்ட்மெண்டு, ஹைவேஸ் டிபார்ட்மெண்டு இரண்டையும் இணைப்பதுபற்றித்தான் பரிசீலனையில் இருக்கிறது.

Increase of salaries of teachers.

* 59 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the orders sanctioning an increase of Rs. 12 in the salaries of teachers have been communicated to the various panchayat elementary schools in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Finance) : Copies of the orders have been communicated to Class I Panchayats. They have not been communicated to individual elementary schools. It is open to the panchayats to communicate copies to their schools.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I know, Sir, when exactly this order was communicated to the panchayats?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not have the particulars with me. This was sanctioned in November 1956. When this was communicated to other institutions, this must have been communicated to the panchayats also.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it a fact that the Government have placed at the disposal of the panchayats the funds required for the payment of this enhanced sum of Rs. 12?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir. The Government are sanctioning the full grant to the panchayats towards expenditure on this account.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is this delay in payment due to the delay in sanction of the Government allotment?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : So far the Government have not received any representation from any panchayat in regard to this matter.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : As Government are posted with information by me that panchayat teachers have not been paid this enhanced amount, will they kindly see that the amount is paid immediately?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, the Government have sanctioned the full grant towards the expenditure, and they have communicated this order to all the panchayats. They have not received any representation to the contrary from any of the